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Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph on page 4, lines 24-27 and replace with the following replacement paragraph:

Fig. 2 illustrates the exterior of the hand-held, pocketsized, electronic gaming device 2. The device 2 has a body shell 7 with an exterior upper surface 8. The user input device 10 extends through an aperture 9 in the exterior upper surface 8.[[.]] The aperture 9 is a hole through the body shell 7.

Please delete the paragraph on page 6, lines 1-9 and replace with the following replacement paragraph:

The extendible support 12 is connected from the lower portion of the second portion 30 to transducer circuitry 42 via the interface 40. The interface 40 communicates movement of the extendible support 12 to the transducer circuitry 42, which in turn converts this movement into electrical signals that are provided to processor 4 as input commands. Typically the transducer circuitry will be mounted on the printed wiring board (PWB) of the device 2. The input device [[2]] 10, in this example, is of a modular design and can be releasably connected to a PWB.

Please delete the paragraphs on page 7, line 21 through page 8, line 3 and replace with the following replacement paragraphs:

The second portion 32 of the extendible support 12 comprises a channel [[34]] 50 in which the bar 31 is

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permanently located. The channel comprises two parallel cavities 35, 36 joined by circular disc-like interconnecting cubical channel 37. Each of the circular disc-like cavities 35, 36 is sized to allow the laterally extending bar 31 to freely move when the extendible support 12 is rotated about its axis of extension. The interconnecting channel 37 is sized to allow the shaft of the upper portion 30 to move freely when the extendible support 12 is rotated about its axis of extension and 12 is extended. The the extendible support when interconnecting channel 37 is sized to allow the bar 31 of the upper portion 30 to move freely within it while the extendible support 12 is being extended.

A spring 38 is placed between the bar 31 of the upper portion 30 and the base of the channel [[34]] 50 in the second lower portion 32. The spring 38 biases the extendible support 12 towards its extended position.